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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Andrew J. WALKER et al.
Title: NONVOLATILE MEMORY ON SOI
AND COMPOUND
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATES
AND METHOD OF FABRICATION
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed January 15, 2003, the Examiner has required election of a species for prosecution from among nine species in the group previously elected by Applicants in response to a restriction requirement.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Species I** for prosecution on the merits. Applicant notes that claims 1-12, and 41-43 correspond to Species I (SOI substrate).

Applicants note that Species I and II are both substrate species, while Species III through IX are device species. Applicants respectfully submit that both a substrate and a device species should be elected for meaningful prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants also provisionally elect **Species IV**, claims 19-20 and 25-26 as the device species for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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